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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/612,012 filed July 03, 2003  
Entitled "Isolated Human Protease Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules Encoding  
Human Protease Proteins, And Uses Thereof"

Atty. Docket No.: CL000968DIV2

Please find attached a response to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006 for the  
above-identified application.

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In re Application of: Karl Guegler et al.

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN PROTEASE  
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
ENCODING HUMAN PROTEASE PROTEINS,  
AND USES THEREOF

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action by Examiner Xie, mailed February 22, 2006. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. It is believed that no fees are due with this reply. However, if the Office determines that fees are due to prevent abandonment of this application, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are due related to the present application to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

Please amend the application as follows: